

Inman Informer

March 2023



"Life Together"

From the Pastor

Introducing "Growing in the Garden" Theme

Do you like to play in the dirt? Even as I'm writing this, I'm about to head to my backyard to trim some of the plants back in preparation for Spring. You see, there is something incredible about plant life. To watch something grow from a tiny seed into a full on, blossoming plant is incredible. But it does not happen without challenges along the way. For plants need water, sunlight, and carbon dioxide to make their food and grow. They must combat the bugs and the critters who come and chew on their leaves. They must be resilient for seasons of drought and seasons with an abundance of rain.

In many ways, our spiritual lives grow just like plants do. The more we grow, the more fruit we bear. Over the next 6 weeks, we are going to be examining how we dig our roots down and grow in order to bear fruit in the Kingdom. Together, we are all "Growing in the Garden".

It doesn't matter if you have a green thumb or if you consider yourself a "plant hospice worker" (helping to usher any plant on to the other side). Regardless, we all have room to dig our roots down deep and grow in Christ.

Are you ready to get your hands dirty?



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Announcements

o ASP team at Inman Antique Expo March 4-5

Stop by the ASP booth at the Inman Antique Expo and support our youth and ASP team by buying a funnel cake!

o Lent Bible Study- "Life Together"

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o Don't forget to set your clocks forward on Saturday, March 11 or you'll be late for service!



Easter Events Schedule

o April 2: Passion Sunday (8:45am & 11:00am)

o April 7: Good Friday service at 6:30pm

April 9: Easter



o Sunrise Service at 7:00am (Inman Cemetery)

o Country Breakfast by Men's Club 8-10:30

o Services at 8:45am & 11:00am



Love & Fellowship Circle (United Women in Faith)

We are happy to, once again, fill Easter Baskets for 38 children in DFCS.

Members can either take an Easter Basket to fill or make a donation.

Each basket needs to be returned by March 19th.

The Inman United Women in Faith thank you for supporting the Easter Basket mission for DFCS children. Your help in filling the baskets as well as your prayers are so appreciated.

Easter Lilies will again be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter. Order forms for purchase or donation need to be returned by March 19th.

Blessings,

Joni Janssen, President



DFCS Easter Baskets 2022



Easter Lilies 2022



Finance Committee

Congratulations on a Successful Fundraising Year in 2022!

CONGRATULATIONS to the congregation and the following groups for their hard work and dedication to helping others. THANK YOU to everyone for your financial generosity and your dedication to helping others!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) team who had one of their highest fundraising years ever in 2022! Their efforts to help make homes warmer, safer and drier in Appalachia are desperately needed in this impoverished section of the country. *Trip expenses per person average \$850-\$900 per year and thanks to YOUR GENEROSITY, their trip for 2023 this year is fully funded! In fact, thanks to your generosity ASP can already send more than 10 people to Appalachia in 2024!*

CONGRATULATIONS to the United Women in Faith, Love & Fellowship Circle who was able to support a variety of missions including: *Easter Baskets for Children (DFCS), Bibles for Graduating Seniors, Care Packages for College Students, the All Daughters Luncheon, Inman Elementary School Supplies, UMCOR Christmas Shoe Boxes, UMCOR Disaster Relief Warehouse Efforts, Angel Tree, Bloom Closet and various church projects.*

CONGRATULATIONS to the United Methodist Men who were able to utilize your generous donations to purchase supplies to *assist members of the congregation needing handicap ramps and handrails, and disperse more than \$2,000.00 in financial support to Square Foot Ministry, Fayette Samaritans, Murphy Harpst Children's Center, Toys for Tots of Coweta/Fayette and the church in general with donations to special funds.*



ASP Potato Bake

Missions and Outreach

Altar Rail Offerings for the month of March are for UMCOR United Methodist Committee on Relief

UMCOR is a nonprofit global humanitarian aid and development organization of the United Methodist Church. It began in 1940.

UMCOR responds to disasters in the United States and around the world; providing essential relief supplies and supporting long-term rebuilding efforts.

UMCOR brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by war, conflict or natural disaster.

The reality is that we are UMCOR! It is our praying, giving and going that makes up UMCOR!

As John Wesley would say:

"DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN, BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN, IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN, IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN, TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN, AS LONG EVER YOU CAN."

Blessings

Deborah Morris



**2023
Altar Rail
Offerings**

April

Bloom

May

United

*Methodist
Student Day*

June

TBD

July

Murphy-Harpst

A Message From Frank Stenbridge

A few weeks ago, the congregation was invited to write messages to the students in our congregations. I missed that opportunity, so I thought I would share my 2 bits of advice here.

A number of years ago, our daughter graduated from high school and moved away to college. At that time, I reflected on my own college years; the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly... just kidding, maybe... The parental expectations were clear. Grades were primary. That will be primary for students today. However...

I advised my daughter when she went to college that not everything she would learn would be in the classroom and perhaps the most important things would be learned outside of the classroom. I think that was true for me and might still be true for students today.

Studying and grades are still primary. Interacting with others with different backgrounds , managing your time, figuring out how to manage the autonomy you wished for when you lived at home, and a whole bunch more are the lessons that will prepare you for career, family, and, well, life. For me, a great part of that was attending seminars and Sunday mornings at the GT Wesley Foundation. Plus, occasional service projects with other students mixed in with piano and the GT soccer club.

I think the same principle can apply to church for young and old.

We can hear all the good preaching (and we do), inspiring music (ditto) , and thought provoking Sunday school lessons but until we head out beyond these church walls, the importance of this worship experience may not be evident. Here I am preaching to the choir, so to speak. The example and practice of ministry to the community outside the property lines is inspiring. May our children continue the mission.

Inman United Methodist Men

On February 15, 2023 we enjoyed good food, good fellowship and a productive meeting.

Thanks to Linda Wagner for stepping in at the last minute to cook the scrambled eggs.

At the meeting we voted to increase our designated Church maintenance fund from \$7452 to \$10,000.00.

Our officers for 2023 will be Roger Ferrell, President and Ed Roehm, Treasurer.

The next big fundraising event we will be hosting is our traditional Easter breakfast on April 9th from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15 at 9:00 AM. A light breakfast will be served.



Trustees

Elevator Maintenance: Have you ever seen the bottom side of the elevator or wondered what's under the elevator? Every so often, debris and any hydraulic fluid that has collected at the bottom of the elevator mechanisms and shaft needs to be cleaned up and fresh hydraulic fluid needs to be added to the unit. It's not the easiest job to do, and we really appreciate Ed R. for taking care of that task this time!

Church Wide Workday, Saturday, April 1, from 9AM - 2PM: Come help get the church grounds and facilities cleaned up and spruced up for Easter! We've got projects inside and out that we can really use your help on. All ages and skill levels are welcome. We've got something for everyone. The Trustees will provide all the materials you need as well as lunch! Just bring a pair of work gloves and a willing spirit and we will have a successful day!

Grass Cutting Calendar: Spring is in the air and that means one thing - time to start cutting the grass again! The calendar has been posted in the administrative hall and you can start signing up anytime you're ready. If you have any questions or need help, please see Ed Roehm or Herm Janssen



Membership Care

Membership Care will be filling Easter baskets for the shut-ins in our church on March 28th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to come and help with the baskets.

**Blessings,
Joni Janssen, Chairman**



For Our Prayers

For Healing From Health Concerns

Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)
Michael Barb
Roger Barnhill
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)
Cheryl Chance
Darleen Cornelison
Katy Fowler
Don Harp
Greg Harp
Kenny Harp
Nicole Henry
Robin Hewell
Leigh Ann Hicks
John Kozisek
Sarah McCart (Jane St. Amour)
Pat Parker (Nancy Allgood)
James Pompey (Ed Hicks)
Eugene Pritchard
Gloria Reid
Miriam Schmidt
Lisa Spears (Nancy Allgood)
Jane St. Amour
Marvin Tidwell
Patricia Vaughn
Billy Ward
Luz Webster (Gloria Reid)
Jeff Wedge
Rhonda Wheeler (George & Lynn Wheeler)
Mark Wilkerson (Mary Jane Fortner)
Chance Whittington (Will Chance)
Kathey Young

For Healing From Cancer

Denise Anderson (Joni Janssen)
Justin Bennett (Ruth Sitton)
David Booth (Martha Kozisek)
Jackie Clayburn
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)
Ashley Edwards (Katy Swanger)
Mary Lee Giddings
Bill Haleday
Leigh Hawkins
Daniel Houghton (Martha Kozisek)
Burl Hurley
Lee Jackson (David Cathey)
Matt Kirkindall
Wendy Rogers
Bobby Smith (Tammy Cox)
Diane Tankersley (Donald Whiteside)
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)
Jerry Wagner
Ruth Williams
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)
Kay Young

For Those Mourning the Death of Loved Ones

Charles Harp
Julie Ward (Joni Janssen)
Anne Drake
Pat Reeder (Barbara Ponzio)
Griffin Lunceford
Tom Rush
Allen Chance (Will Chance)
Roger Allgood (Nancy Allgood)

Other Concerns

For the children/youth programs of
Inman UMC
Unspoken prayers of the congregation

Welcome
Baby
Caysen
Jean!



Birthdays & Reminders

Happy Birthday

Brenda Schachle	March 7
Nancy Allgood	March 10
Betty Moore	March 13
Roland Ivey	March 14
Autumn Corely	March 21
Will Chance	March 24
Kelli McCalla	March 24
Jack Price	March 26
Sandra Lee Scurry	March 28

*If you see a birthday is missing,
please notify the church office
so we can update our records.*

Offering Counters

March 5	Linda W. & Jeff W.
March 12	Brenda N. & Helen B.
March 19	Donna M. & Jerry W.
March 26	Nancy A. & Joni J.

Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 pm

\$9.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children under 12

five and under eat free

March 1:	Meal: Pork Roast (chicken nuggets for kids), Helpers-Youth and Children
March 8:	Meal: Chili Helpers-Technology
March 15:	Meal: Spaghetti Helpers- Scholarship
March 22:	Meal: Mexican Helpers- Trustees
March 29:	Meal: Chicken Helpers- SPR

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Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

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